

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Please take your seat now. *...(Interruptions)...* No, no.

...(Interruptions)...

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE (West Bengal) : My name is there. *...(Interruptions)...*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) : Your name is not there. *...(Interruptions)...* Mr. Chitharanjan has given his name. *...(Interruptions)...* No, no. Nothing will go on record, except Mr. Chitharanjan. *...(Interruptions)...* Please take your seat. *...(Interruptions)...* Mr. Chitharanjan. *...(Interruptions)...*

SHRI JIBON ROY: Sir, I request you to direct the Government. *...(Interruptions)...*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): The Home Minister is already here. *...(Interruptions)...* He will take note of it. Yes, Mr. Chitharanjan. *...(Interruptions)...* Please take your seats. *...(Interruptions)...* I am on my legs. Please take your seats. *...(Interruptions)...* No. Take your seats. *...(Interruptions)...* Nothing will go on record. Mr. Chitharanjan. *...(Interruptions)...* Please take your seats. *...(Interruptions)...* The Government will reply in due course. *...(Interruptions)...* It is not relevant. *...(Interruptions)...* ठीक है, माननीय मंत्री जी सदन की चिंता से अवगत हो गए हैं।

Re. Flying of a U.S. Helicopter in the Indian air space without permission

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN (Kerala): Sir, I would like to mention a matter of national importance in this House and to draw the urgent attention of the Government, through you, for immediate necessary action.

A news appeared in today's *The Hindu* which stated that a helicopter took off from the destroyer USS John Young which is docked at Chennai Harbour and hovered in our air-space of Chennai and around for about two hours. It was noted at about 3 A.M. This was done without obtaining permission from the Air Force or the marine authorities or even the Airport Authority. This helicopter was spotted east of Chennai 50 to 60 nautical miles, hovering close to the high security area of Kalpakkam Atomic Power Plant at around 3 A.M. This helicopter even refused to establish the

mandatory radio contact with the nearby Chennai AAI. Our cooperation and hospitality is misused by the United States of America and it appears they have taken photos of the Kalapakkam Atomic Power Plant and collected some secret information. Sir, this act is in violation of our sovereignty and it endangers the security of our country. I request that the Government should take a serious note of it and ask for an explanation from the captain of the destroyer John Young; it should also ask the destroyer to leave our harbour. The Government should also take it up with the US Government, register our protest and inform them that we would not allow our ports and airports to be used by USA.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): Sir, the hon. Member has brought certain information before the House. I will bring it to the notice of the Defence Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO (Goa) : An important issue has been raised. The Home Minister is present in the House. Will he react to the other issue also?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Now Dr.(Shrimati) Rita Verma to move for leave to withdraw the Constitution (Eighty-third Amendment) Bill, 1997.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Constitution (Eighty-Third Amendment) Bill, 1997

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): Sir, I beg to move for leave to withdraw the Constitution (Eighty-third Amendment) Bill, 1997.

The question was proposed

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO (Goa): Sir, I have given a notice to oppose the withdrawal of this Bill. This morning, along with our